

NEWS OF HENRY GEORGE AND S. T. CLUBS

Cincinnati, O., Henry George Club—Thirty-five members are enrolled in the Henry George Club of Cincinnati, with Mr. Oscar A. Toepfert serving as acting secretary. Eleven of these are converts to the movement. A large part of the enrollment was secured at the Cincinnati Henry George dinner, April 30, at which J. Edward Jones of Chicago was the principal speaker.

Cleveland, O., Henry George Club—The first thirteen members enrolled in the Henry George Club of Cleveland are names notable in the Single Tax movement: Peter Witt, John C. Lincoln, David Gibson, Edward W. Doty, Howard M. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Carr, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hach and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Girl. A Cleveland Henry George dinner was held Saturday, May 14.

Dayton, O., Henry George Club—Mr. Watson's visit to Dayton last month created such interest that a Henry George Club is being formed under the leadership of Mr. Walter J. H. Schutz, able Georgist and real estate operator, who believes more in home ownership than in lot speculation. First members of the club include John F. Morrissey and his son, Edward J. Morrissey; Mrs. Alice Kile Neibel, secretary of the old Dayton Single Tax Club, and Samuel Gingrich.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Henry George Club—Tying the Henry George Club of Cincinnati for membership, Herman Friedrich of Grand Rapids reports thirty-five enrolled members in his city's club. He writes: "At last the ice is broken! Mr. Watson's appearance in Grand Rapids was instrumental in accomplishing the results we were looking for. Although we had some names on the membership list of the Henry George Club, last week we picked up a number of additional names."

Indianapolis, Ind., Henry George Club—Enrolling as the first members of the Henry George Club of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stine write: "We are very glad to enroll in the Indianapolis Henry George Club. It was just such times as these that inspired the idea in Henry George, if we are not mistaken, and just now the people should be most receptive to it."

Lansing, Mich., Henry George Club—An illustrated front page story in the *Lansing Capital News* tells us that a delegation from the Henry George Club of Lansing went before Gov. Wilber M. Brucker on March 10 with resolutions asking that the Single Tax be included in the call for the special tax reform session of the State Legislature. The committee from the club consisted of Ray Robson, the club president; Mrs. Robson, Mrs. G. W. Ashworth, president of the Ingham County League of Women Voters, and Mrs. R. C. Spencer, vice-chairman of the Ingham County Republican Committee and a delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago. Two weeks after the call upon Gov. Brucker, the *Lansing Capital News* carried a two-column report of an interview with Mr. Robson on the plans and purposes of the Henry George Club. In the course of this interview Mr. Robson said: "No one but the Single Taxer seems to think it possible to do more than relieve in a slight degree the conditions that now exist—conditions that are expected to recur every few years. We don't share this hopeless attitude. We believe in the abolition of depression by means of the Single Tax."

Omaha, Neb., Henry George Club—At the third meeting of the season for the Omaha Club, Dr. T. T. Young, of Fremont, was the principal speaker. Arrangements are now being made by the club for addresses by Mr. Watson in the Omaha vicinity during his visit there the last week in May and early in June.

Peoria, Ill., Henry George Club—"The Stroller," editorial writer on the *Peoria Star*, begins his column in one issue in March with: "The social thought of Henry George has come to Peoria, judging

from the comment one hears on the streets. The proponents of the philosophy of the great Single Taxer have risen and intend to be heard, judging by the enthusiastic comment one hears in hotel lobbies, in clubs and almost everywhere one strolls. There is now a Peoria Henry George Club, with a throat specialist and an executive of a creamery heading the list. Men from all walks of life, disgruntled at the tax situation, have taken increased interest in the Henry George theories. The club plans to be active, its members state. There will be addresses, in order to acquaint the general public with their aims and ideals, by men of high talent."

Pittsburgh, Pa., Henry George Club—Charging it is a crime not to tax land values, and decrying the holding of idle land speculatively, John S. Helmer, Wilkins Township school director, predicted that valuable areas would be put to use for agriculture, factory or home sites if assessed and taxed properly, in a talk before the Henry George Club of Pittsburgh, Friday, May 6. "Instead of floating bond issues to relieve depression burdens, I recommend that the State and Federal governments levy land taxes," the school leader said. Later the club unanimously approved a resolution asking that a land tax be recommended by Governor Pinchot to the Legislature.

Portsmouth, N. H., Land Value Tax Association—From William Craig, president of the Portsmouth Land Value Tax Association, we learn of an aggressive local programme being carried out to bring Henry George's proposals before the people of his city. He writes: "We are limiting our efforts to this town as the cost of placing the matter before the State would be too great for us to bear at present. Our missionary work is bearing fruit and we hope to keep on till there is a sufficient number at least thinking about taxation and its results, before taking concrete action." More power to this fine spirited group!

Seattle, Wash., Opportunity-to-Make-a-Living League—This league is a definite movement to so change the tax law of the State of Washington that all ground rent shall go to the public treasury. So states its leader, Donald Bradford, old-guard Georgist. "We hold that no legislative assembly or constitutional convention ever had the moral or legal right to delegate to any individual or corporation the power to collect and appropriate rent for the use of any land, anywhere. Nor has the community any right, moral or otherwise, to take by taxation that which is created by labor," reads one of the league's statements. A large enrollment and sale of Henry George pamphlets is anticipated.

South Bend, Ind., Henry George Club—As the result of Mr. Watson's speaking in South Bend during the last week in April, many new friends and members of the club were enlisted.

Victoria, B. C., Canada, Henry George Club—F. P. Rand, the G. O. G. (Grand Old Georgist) of Victoria, writes: "I think we can organize a Henry George Club here in Victoria and could use about twenty-five of the enrollment cards." You can be sure Mr. Rand received the cards, and that it won't be long before he has them all signed up with members! Despite the fact that Mr. Rand was in the hospital for seven weeks early in the year, he is now "out and about as usual."

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HENRY GEORGE DINNERS

Cincinnati, O., Saturday evening, April 30—Rev. Louis G. Hoeck, pastor of the Church of the New Jerusalem, inspired forty guests at dinner with his charming "toastmastering." The guest of honor was the youthful J. Edward Jones, of Chicago, whose speech on "Economic Insecurity, Its Cause and Cure" brought many new young people into the Cincinnati Henry George Club. Other speakers were Herbert S. Bigelow, pastor of the People's Church, and Dr. Mark Millikin of Hamilton. Mr. O. A. Toepfert was chairman of the dinner committee. The dinner was sponsored by the Henry George Foundation.

Cleveland, O., Saturday evening, May 31—A Single Tax dinner was held in Cleveland, O., May 14. The speakers were Claude L. Watson